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E.O. 12605: GDS 11/05/85 (ROGERS, S.H.) OR-E  
TAGS: ENRG, OCON, UNGA, MX  
SUBJECT: MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY WORKING GROUP:  
STATUS

REF: (A) USUN 4874, (B) USUN 4884, (C) USUN 4798

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. E/C COUNSELOR AND PETOFF SPOKE THIS MORNING WITH  
SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS' DIRECTOR IN CHIEF OF  
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR EUGENIO ANGUIANO, REGARDING  
STATUS OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO UNGA. ANGUIANO SAID  
MEXICO WOULD ACCEPT G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF A) AS  
"SECOND BEST" ALTERNATIVE TO LOPEZ PORTILLO'S SUGGESTED  
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY WORKING GROUP. ACCORDING  
TO ANGUIANO, THE MEXICANS RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD BE  
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) TO  
SUPPORT A SEPARATE, RESTRICTED DISCUSSION OF ENERGY  
THIS SESSION BECAUSE OF THE G-77'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT  
THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXPLICIT RECOGNITION  
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OF LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ENERGY ADDRESS IN THE G-77 RESOLU-  
TION. NONETHELESS, ANGUIANO SAID THAT THE GOM DOES  
NOT CONSIDER THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL DEAD. THEY  
FEEL THAT THEY CAN RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN NEXT YEAR,  
ALBEIT THROUGH BACK CHANNELS.

3. ANGUIANO SAID THAT WHILE OPEC GENERALLY DISAPPROVED

OF THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL, IT WAS IRAQI OPPOSITION THAT WAS THE DETERMINING ELEMENT. THE IRAQIS WERE ADAMANTLY AGAINST THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY WORKING GROUP AND WERE EVEN OPPOSED TO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ADDRESS IN THE G-77 DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF C), MAINTAINING THAT OTHER HEADS OF STATE WOULD NO DOUBT SPEAK TO THE UNGA ON THE SUBJECT. THE MEXICANS AGREED TO THE DRAFT G-77 TEXT EVEN THOUGH IT EXCLUDED REFERENCE TO LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ENERGY WORKING GROUP ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT DID ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME DISCUSSION OF ENERGY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT BY DOING SO THEY PROTECTED THEIR POSITION WITHIN THE G-77. THE MEXICANS BELIEVE THAT THE G-77 RESOLUTION WILL ALLOW FOR A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF ENERGY PROBLEMS AND THAT IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE A FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION OF THE ENERGY CRISIS WITHIN THE GLOBAL DISCUSSION.

4. ANGUIANO REITERATED THE GOM'S OPPOSITION TO STRICT LINKAGE OF ENERGY TO OTHER ISSUES EXCEPT FINANCE. HE NOTED THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAD MADE THIS LINK IN HIS ADDRESS. THE MEXICANS FEEL THAT, WHILE THE COW WILL DEAL IN THE COMING YEAR WITH ALL OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) ISSUES IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ADVANCE THE DISCUSSION ON ENERGY IN INFORMAL MEETINGS, ESPECIALLY IF PRESENTED IN TERMS OF THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE NON-OIL LDCS. ANGUIANO EXPLAINED

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THAT ONLY A FEW COUNTRIES EVER REALLY INVOLVED THEMSELVES IN THE DEBATES AND THAT THOSE FEW CAN BE APPROACHED OUTSIDE OF REGULAR CHANNELS. HE FELT CERTAIN THAT IF THE PROPOSAL IS PROPERLY PRESENTED INDIA, PAKISTAN, BRAZIL AND ALGERIA WOULD PLAY USEFUL ROLES IN PUSHING THE ENERGY ISSUE. (NOTE: THE E/C COUNSELOR SAID THAT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT MEXICO THOUGHT ALGERIA MIGHT BE HELPFUL. ANGUIANO EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS ALGERIA THAT CONVINCED IRAQ TO ACCEPT THE G-77 COMPROMISE RESOLUTION.)

6. THE E/C COUNSELOR REITERATED THE USG'S READINESS TO HELP MOVE THE GOM'S PROPOSAL FORWARD BY USING ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE APPROPRIATE DCS AND LDCS. HE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THIS POINT WE WERE UNSURE AS TO HOW TO PROCEED. ANGUIANO SAID THAT THE ONLY USEFUL ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE USG SUPPORT FOR THE G-77 RESOLUTION. BEYOND THAT, BECAUSE ANGUIANO HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO THE MEXICAN DELEGATION AND WAS UNSURE AS TO WHETHER THE G-77 RESOLUTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE E/C COUNSELOR GET IN TOUCH WITH ECONOMIC SUBSECRETARY NAVARRETE LATER IN THE WEEK. FERCH

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